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### REMARKS

Claims 1-28, 43 and 45 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has  
5 cancelled Claims 1-28, 43 and 45 without prejudice, and added new Claims 47-62. Accordingly,  
Claims 47-62 are presented herein for examination.

#### *Rejected Claims*

By this paper, Applicant has cancelled all rejected claims without prejudice, thereby  
10 rendering these rejections moot.

#### *Objected-to Claims*

Per page 9 of the Office Action, Claims 2-4, 6-10, 21, 22, and 24-26 were objected to as  
being dependent on a rejected base claim, but allowable if recast in independent form.  
15 Accordingly, by this paper, Applicant has recast Claims 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, and 24, and  
26 as new Claims 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58, respectively, including all  
limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. New Claims 59-61 and 62 correspond  
generally to Claims 47 and 55, respectively.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 47-62 overcome the Examiner's objections,  
20 and are in condition for allowance.

#### *Other Remarks*

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader  
scope in a continuation or divisional application.

25 Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for  
the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and  
responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or  
for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to  
patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of

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the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone, he/she is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

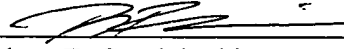
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Respectfully submitted,

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